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PASS STR FOR MIKE SMITH

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJ: TEXTILES: TEXTILES COMMITTEE SCHEDULING

REF: SMITH-PHELAN JAN. 20 TELECON

1. AS DISCUSSED REFCON, U.S. REP MET WITH GATT DIR-GEN
LONG AFTERNOON JAN 20 FOR POST-MORTEM ON JAN 18 SEVEN-
PLUS-SEVEN MEETING AND DISCUSSION SCHEDULING NEXT TC
MEETING.

2. LONG SAID HE HAD INDEED BEEN INFORMED WELL BEFORE
JAN 18 MEETING THAT EC AND OTHER "DISSATISFIED CUS-
TOMERS" WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION PUT ANY CONCRETE PRO-
POSALS FOR CHANGE ON TABLE AT JAN 18 MEETING. HOWEVER,
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SINCE HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH VIEW OF U.S. THAT
THERE SHOULD BE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN MFA RENEWAL AND
MTN, THERE WAS, THEREFORE, A NEED TO DISPOSE OF MFA
QUESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRESSURE ON EC AND OTHERS
WANTING CHANGE HAD TO BE MAINTAINED THROUGH SCHEDULING OF
SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN AND TC MEETINGS. LONG FURTHER STATED
THAT HE ALSO KNEW BEFOREHAND THAT HIS SCHEDULING NEXT

SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN FOR FEB 16 WOULD ANNOY BOTH EC AND CANADIANS BUT THAT THIS MEETING WAS, IN HIS VIEW, ESSENTIAL EVENHPZZRCANADA NOT IN POSITION TABLE PROPOSALS BY THAT DATE. HE BELIEVED THAT EVEN THOUGH CONCRETSAAD CDOR CHANGE WERE NOT FORTHCOMING ON FEB 16, BOTH EC AND CANADA WOULD BE IN VERY POOR POSITION TO OPPOSE DELAY IN CONVENING TC MEETING ON EITHER FEB 28 OR MARCH 1 WHICH LONG FIRMLY INTENDS TO DO. AFTER U.S. REP INDICATED FULL SUPPORT FOR LONG'S SCHEDULE AND TACTICS, LONG NOTED THAT "HE ALSO HAD SUPPORT OF JAPANESE" AS WELL AS ALL EXPORTERS.

3. U.S. REP GAVE LONG A CONDENSED ACCOUNT SALIENT POINTS WHICH AROSE IN U.S. BILATERAL AND TRI-LATERAL CONVERSATIONS THIS WEEK FOR WHICH LONG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. LONG DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON CANADIAN PROBLEM WHICH HE SEEMS REGARD OF MORE IMMEDIATE SERIOUSNESS THAT THOSE BEING RAISED BY EC. LONG REASONS THAT PRESENT CANADIAN IDEAS (AS HE UNDERSTANDS THEM) OF MFA "IMPROVEMENT" WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REJECTED BY EXPORTERS IN WHICH EVENT CANADA WOULD QUITE LIKELY LEAVE MFA. HE THINKS THAT SUCH ACTION BY CANADA WOULD GREATLY STRENGTHEN POSITION THOSE EC PROTECTIONISTS WHOSE REAL DESIRE IS DEMISE MFA ANYWAY. LONG CONCLUDES THAT WHILE MFA COULD UNDOUBTEDLY SURVIVE DEPARTURE OF AUSTRALIA, DEPARTURE OF CANADA AND RESULTANT EFFECT ON EC COULD BE FATAL. LONG ASKED U.S. REP TO URGE USG MADE EVERY EFFORT, "AT MINISTERIAL LEVELS," IN OTTAWA, LONDON AND PARIS TO CONVINCE THOSE GOVERNMENTS OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CERTAIN CONSEQUENCES OF MFA FAILURE, CONSEQUENCES WHICH WILL EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE TEXTILE FIELD.

4. U.S. REP BELIEVES THAT, IN TEXTILE SECTOR AT LEAST, LONG'S INTERESTS RUN PARALLEL THOSE OF USG AND THAT WE MAY EXPECT HIS CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THE DIFFICULT TEXTILE MEETINGS AHEAD.CATTO

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